(c) if so, what is the present stage of implementation of these projects ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) Rajasthan is entitled to a share of 0.50 million acre ft. of water from Sardar Sarovar Project which wil! be used for irrigation in the drought prone Barber region. Additional water would mitigate the severity of drought and, to some extent, is expected to check desertification of the region.

(b) and (c) Most environmentalists emphasise the need to formulate and implement a comprehensive Environmental Management Plan covering all aspects like Catchment Area Treatment, Command Area Development, adeqaute rehabilitation of the affected population, conservation of wildlife habitat, health delivery svstem to control water-borne diseases, etc. They plead that in case such plans are not ready to be executed *pari.passu* with the engineering works then the work should be halted. Construction work on the projects is continuing.

World Bank Vice-President's Warning oni Policy of Economic Liberalisation

356. SHRT PARVATHANENl UPENDRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the World Bank Vice-President for Asia ha; cautioned India against slowing down the policy of economic liberalisation because of the difficulty in the current foreign exchange position; and

(b) if so, what i, Government'; reaction to the observation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Facts are being ascertained.

Steps to Expedite Disposal of Cases in Courts

357. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to initiate any fresh steps to expedite the disposal of court cases and to clear the backlog of pending cases; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND-IUSTICE AND THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Government hav constituted a Committed of three Chief Justices of High Courts in January, 1989 to examine the problem of arrears in the Court, and to suggest remedial measures.

.. Recognition of a Stock Exchange at Chandigarh

358. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whetther any application is pending for ths recognition of a S'ock Exchiairtge at Chandiggarh; and

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto and by when a decision is likely to be taken in thi, regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS TN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Northern India Stock Exchange (NISE) at Chandigarh was organised by a group of person, without obtaining permission of the Government as required under the provisions of the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act, 1956. Government of lndia had written to Chandigarh Administration and the Government of Punjab on the need to ask NISE to close down operations. NISE'